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SUBJECT: PEREZ STATE VISIT: STATE DINNER PLANNING DETAILS

REF: VAKY-SONANDRES TELCON OF MAY 18

1. PLEASE CABLE SOONEST RESPONSES TO FOLLOWING DETAILS
OF WHITE HOUSE STATE DINNER PLANNING.
2. COLORS. DO PRESIDENT AND/OR MRS. PEREZ HAVE ANY
FAVORITE COLORS WHICH COULD BE STRESSED IN FLORAL AND OTHER
ARRANGEMENTS? ANY COLOR DISLIKES? ARE THERE COLORS
ASSOCIATED WITH AD WHICH WOULD BE POLITIC TO BE STRESSED?
ARE THERE COLORS ASSOCIATED WITH COPEI, ETC. TO BE OMITTED?

3. FLOWERS: HAVE PRESIDENT AND/OR MRS. PEREZ ANY

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FAVORITE FLOWERS WHICH SHOULD BE STRESSED IN CORSAGES,
DECORATIONS AT BLAIR HOUSE, TABLE CENTERPIECES, ETC?
ARE THEY ALLERGIC TO ANY? ARE THERE ANY FLOWERS WHICH
SHOULD BE AVOIDED BECAUSE OF NEGATIVE SIGNIFICANCE, E.G.
THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH DEATH OR ILLNESS?

4. FIGURES: ARE THERE ANY HUMAN, ANIMAL, OR OTHER

FIGURES WHICH SHOULD BE STRESSED OR AVOIDED IN TABLE
DECORATIONS?

5. TABOOS: ARE THERE TABOOS WE SHOULD HAVE IN
MIND? PEOPLE, PLACES, COLORS, FOODS, OR THINGS WHICH
WOULD IMPACT ADVERSELY UPON OUR STATE VISITORS?

6. DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE
KNOW SOONEST OF ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS OF PRESIDENT
OR MRS. PEREZ OR OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY AS BEST
CAN BE DETERMINED. ARE ANY OF GROUP VEGETARIANS,
NATURE-FOOD ENTHUSIASTS? DO THEY LIKE SEAFOOD, FRESH
FRUITS? WHAT KIND OF DESSERTS? ARE THEY ALLERGIC TO
ANY KIND OF FOOD? HOW CAN MEALS BEST BE PLANNED FOR
THEM? IF YOU WERE GIVING A BLACK-TIE STATE DINNER FOR
THEM, WHAT WOULD YOUR FIRST-COURSE, MAIN COURSE, AND
DESSERT COURSE BE?

7. ENTERTAINMENT: THE WHITE HOUSE CAN OF COURSE DRAW
UPON ALL TALENT IN THE USA FOR AFTER-DINNER ENTERTAIN-
MENT. WHAT WOULD PRESIDENT AND MRS. PEREZ MOST LIKE?
CLASSICAL OR POPULAR MUSIC? OPERATIC RENDITIONS?
CHAMBER MUSIC? ROCK MUSIC? A VIOLINIST? A MAGIC SHOW?
DANCING? BALLET? (FOR YOUR INFORMATION, PRESIDENT LOPEZ
MICHELSEN WAS ENTERTAINED BY ROBERTA PETERS SINGING SOLO
FOR HALF AN HOUR, THEN FOLLOWED BY CHAMPAGNE AND DANCING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND ALL GUESTS.) WOULD PRESIDENT AND
MRS. PEREZ LIKE THE EVENING TO END UP WITH DANCING, OR
NOT?

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8. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS TALL ORDER,
BUT THERE WILL BE MORE INQUIRIES STILL TO COME. CHRISTOPHER

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